

WE CLAIM:

1 1. A system for contacting help comprising:
2 an emergency device carried on the person of a user, said emergency device
3 having a wireless sending unit activated by an activation unit;
4 a mobile telephone having a wireless receiving unit adapted to receive
5 signals from said wireless sending unit, said mobile telephone being adapted
6 for communicating with a telephone network to call an emergency number;
7 in which
8 said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response
9 to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and
10 said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said
11 signal.

1 2. A system according to claim 1, in which:
2 said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical
3 information, location and contact information.

1 3. A system according to claim 1, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 4. A system according to claim 2, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 5. A system according to claim 1, in which:
2 said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the user.

1 6. A system according to claim 5, in which:
2 the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.

1 7. A system according to claim 1, in which:
2 the mobile telephone sends a signal to a telephone network activating a
3 response from the telephone network.

1 8. A system according to claim 7, in which:
2 the response from the telephone network comprises at least receiving said
3 stored data and transmitting the stored data to the emergency number.

1 9. A system according to claim 7, in which:
2 the response from the telephone network includes estimating the location of
3 the user by analyzing signals from the mobile telephone.

1 10. A system according to claim 8, in which:
2 the response from the telephone network includes estimating the location of
3 the user by analyzing signals from the mobile telephone.

1 11. An apparatus for contacting help comprising:
2 an emergency device carried on the person of a user, said emergency device
3 having a wireless sending unit activated by an activation unit; and
4 a mobile telephone having a wireless receiving unit adapted to receive
5 signals from said wireless sending unit, said mobile telephone being adapted
6 for communicating with a telephone network to call an emergency number;
7 in which

8 said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response
9 to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and
10 said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said
11 signal.

1 12. A system according to claim 11, in which:
2 said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical
3 information, location and contact information.

1 13. A system according to claim 11, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 14. A system according to claim 12, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 15. A system according to claim 11, in which:
2 said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the
3 user.

1 16. A system according to claim 15, in which:
2 the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.

1 17. An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium
2 readable by a computing device in a mobile telephone handset, the medium

3 embodying instructions executable by the computing device for performing
4 method steps comprising:
5 receiving signals from a wireless sending unit carried on the person of a
6 user, said mobile telephone being adapted for communicating with a
7 telephone network to call an emergency number; in which
8 said emergency device sends a signal to said mobile telephone in response
9 to the activation of said wireless sending unit; and
10 said mobile telephone calls said emergency number in response to said
11 signal.

1 18. A system according to claim 17, in which:
2 said signal includes data selected from the group comprising medical
3 information, location and contact information.

1 19. A system according to claim 17, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 20. A system according to claim 18, in which:
2 said emergency device includes stored data on the user's prior medical
3 conditions and any allergies to medication.

1 21. A system according to claim 17, in which:
2 said mobile telephone includes means for estimating the location of the user.

1 22. A system according to claim 21, in which:
2 the means for estimating the location of the user comprises a GPS receiver.